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Staff meeting.

Messrs. Humelsine, Compton and Kimball talked to me about the organizational problem of VOA in New York. At present a Foreign Service Officer is in control of the whole operation. Compton would prefer to have a business executive in charge, and to arrange for policy guidance in another fashion. We also discussed how to control the material in broadcasts on the presidential campaign. Compton and I had settled before his trip to Korea how this should be done in connection with the IIA publications, but broadcasting is more difficult and more complicated to regulate. It was unanimously felt [redacted] no official media of the American Government should be used to convey the personal opinions of any of the commentators in IIA on the merits or demerits of particular candidates or parties.

James S. Moose, our new Minister to Syria, came to say goodbye.

Hassan Woyssef Pasha, Deputy Chief of the Egyptian Royal Cabinet, and the Egyptian Ambassador, accompanied by Wells Stabler, called on me. The Egyptians [redacted] the far more optimistic, they said, about an eventual settlement of their difficulties with the U. K. than they had been a year ago.

Bedell Smith called me about the John Davies case. I told him [redacted] we had definitely decided ~~last night not to move him from Germany~~ regardless of what Senator McCarran might do, even if this meant [redacted] Senator McCarran might succeed in ~~having the Attorney General attempt to prosecute him.~~ Bedell said [redacted] the decision in this matter was entirely up to us, although obviously it was of great interest to his organization /

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and the decision as stated was agreeable to him.

Donald Dawson called me from the White House to ask us not to fill the new position created under the McCarran Immigration Bill without consultation with the White House. I ascertained from Hunnelsine that this new position cannot in any event be filled under the terms of the statute for six months.

During the day, I had numerous telephone conversations back and forth with Messrs. Tannenwald and Ty Wood about the Danish tanker case, with a view to deciding what we would do under a number of hypothetical circumstances.

Went to the chiropodist this afternoon, and also bought a raincoat.

An orientation group of Austrians came [redacted] and were photographed with me. They are employees of our establishments in Austria. They are brought over here for indoctrination in the Department, then taken on a conducted tour around the United States.

The Pakistan Ambassador came to see me this afternoon at my invitation. I congratulated him, as I had the Indian Ambassador, but we did not enter into any interchange of views about the situation in Indochina, about [redacted] which I had talked [redacted] extensively to the Indian Ambassador.

Fred Anderson called on me. When Draper was here he had tentatively fixed up the allocation of about 225 million dollars for aircraft procurement abroad. This raises some serious ~~problems in regard to financing,~~ and I have talked back and forth on it this afternoon with Bill Foster, Ed Martin, and others.

Ferd Kuhn of the Washington Post talked to me about the gossip which has been going the rounds concerning whether it was the State Department or the Department of Defense which was responsible for not advising the

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British of the bombing raid on the Yalu power plant. I told him both Departments were at fault, and that a statement made to him by General Bradley must necessarily represent General Bradley's firm conviction it was not he who was charged with the responsibility of telling the British. It is quite inconceivable to me as well as to everybody who knows Brad that any statement made by him is not entirely truthful. Actually, the British reaction to this affair has been a tempest in a teapot. Both Defense and State have accepted the blame for not having done something which one or the other should have done, and only the newspapers are attempting to make an issue out of it.

Willard Thorp is much, and properly, exercised over the quotas on dairy products which the Department of Agriculture is thinking of setting today. As Charlie Brannan is out of town, I called Charlie Murphy at the White House and asked if he would be kind enough to express the White House's interest in this, and request the Department of Agriculture to postpone its decision until we have a chance to present our views, hoping we might succeed in a liberalization of Agriculture's regulations.

Ty Wood sent me papers on the Danish tanker situation that required a lot more telephoning, in the course of which I also discussed with Bill Foster a cable not yet been cleared on negotiations for air bases in France and Morocco. ~~Bill Foster feels as I do about~~ the proposition made by Draper through Fred Anderson, namely it would be unwise to reach a determination on this problem ~~until we have~~ had more time for study and consideration of it.

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